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Ladies' All-wool Capes, one  
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The lots will sell like hot  
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Latest styles and colors Derby  
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\$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4,  
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Largest Stock and Variety of  
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Carnation Pinks, and Roses are special  
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This is the way we will  
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\$1.85.  
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\$2.50.

All fresh Spring Goods.  
All colors and styles to select  
from.

**THE**  
**Warren Shoe House**  
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**The Guilt Test.**

It was at the time of my return from India,  
remarked Carlton Rhodes, the famous detec-  
tive, that I settled in London for a few  
months in order to carry out a study which I  
was then engaged upon that would help me  
in my business of solving criminal mysteries.  
I took a room in Fitzroy street, which, as you  
know, is situated in the foreign quarter, lying  
between Tottenham Court road and Oxford  
street. A Frenchman named Leroy kept a  
cigar store at the end of the cul de sac beyond  
where Rathbone place comes to Fitzroy street,  
whose place I frequented a good deal.  
The neighborhood swarms with artists, and I had  
learned to suppose that I belonged to the  
palette guild, because anyone in my business,  
as you know, is always looked upon as a  
stranger. One night I met a person in the  
cigar store who interested me considerably.  
He was a Frenchman, and as I spoke  
French easily he felt at home with me and we  
had quite a conversation. We talked of a  
number of things, and when he finally left  
the keeper of the cigar store whispered to me:  
"That's Lefebvre."  
Of course I knew who he meant. I had, by  
way of explanation, "blood's thicker than  
water." You are a Frenchman, aren't you?  
I nodded my head, but did not answer, pre-  
ferring not to forewarn my own country-  
man which no one should unnecessarily com-  
mit.  
"Lefebvre," the name sounded like music to  
my ear. I felt particularly under the influ-  
ence of an intoxicant. My heart quickened  
and I sent the blood thumping to my brain  
cells.  
Lefebvre was the man for whom the London  
police had been searching for weeks, in the  
belief that he had murdered a woman over in  
the eastern district.  
My silence caused the clematis to look  
anxious.  
"You wouldn't attempt to do him any harm,  
would you?" he asked me, earnestly, in  
French.  
"Harm," I answered, almost too dazed by  
the information to make more than a me-  
chanical answer.  
"Oh, certainly not; I'd rather do him good,  
if that were possible," I added promptly, ob-  
serving his alarm.

## AGAINST THE FEE SYSTEM.

Democrats and Republicans Believe in  
Salaried Payments.

The House devoted the day yesterday to  
the consideration of the consular and diplo-  
matic appropriation bill, but progress was  
slow. Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, was vigilant  
and aggressive in criticizing any change made  
in the bill, insisting on an explanation in  
cases of increased salaries and offering  
amendments to reduce appropriations  
wherever opportunity afforded. None of his  
amendments prevailed, however.

The feature of the day was the attempt,  
through an amendment offered by Mr. Hep-  
burn (Republican, Iowa), to cut off under an  
official fee of consuls of the first, second,  
and third classes. A very spirited debate was  
protracted, charges of wholesale abuses in  
the consular service were made, and some  
partisan rancor was developed.

It was generally admitted on both sides  
of the House that there should be some reform  
in the fee system which has obtained in the  
consular service, but the Democrats contended  
that to cut off these fees without due consid-  
eration by placing a rider on an appropriation  
bill would be a blow in the dark, and might  
do more harm than good. The amendment  
was lost by practically a strict party vote.

## New Mexico's Admission.

Delegate Joseph, of New Mexico, says the  
status of the bill admitting New Mexico to  
statehood is not helped by the new quorum-  
counting rule. This statehood measure has  
been delayed for many weeks in order to se-  
cure a quorum to pass it. The new rule in-  
sures a quorum only on an average and may  
not be the best rule for the purpose. A special  
order, made last December, giving it the  
right of way during the second morning hour.  
This requires a vote by tellers, and the new  
quorum-counting rule does not apply to a  
vote by tellers. This parliamentary situa-  
tion makes it impossible to pass the New  
Mexico bill for the present, and it also dis-  
closes a weakness in the new rule, which, it  
is understood, will be strengthened to cover  
the case when the appropriation bills are out  
of the way.

## Congressional Sick List.

The sick list of men in and about Congress  
is reaching remarkable dimensions. Senator  
Stockbridge is slowly recovering from a  
severe illness at Chicago. Representative  
Simpson, of Kansas, is not yet convalescing.  
Representative Scherhorn's condition still  
excites the apprehension of his associates.  
Representative Cleveland, is at his home  
with an organic trouble, which gives him  
hope of his return to Congress. Representa-  
tive Graham, of Brooklyn, has never taken  
his seat since he was elected. In view of the  
fact that the Meyer bill is said to have ad-  
ministrative approval, its displacement was  
the more significant.

## The Meyer Bill Side-Track.

The efforts to compromise the differences  
between the free silver and the anti-silver  
elements of the House came to naught yester-  
day when Representative Bland's Committee  
on Coinage, Weights, and Measures de-  
cided by a decisive vote to lay aside the  
Meyer compromise bill for the present session  
of Congress, and to take up Mr. Bland's bill  
for free silver coinage. In view of the fact  
that the Meyer bill is said to have adminis-  
trative approval, its displacement was  
the more significant.

## For More Torpedo Boats.

The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs  
yesterday authorized the chairman to pre-  
pare an amendment to the naval appropri-  
ation bill to provide for the construction of  
three torpedo boats for coast defense as  
authorized by the act of March 3, 1893.  
This action was based upon the provision in  
the naval bill directing that the \$400,000 ap-  
propriated in 1893, and never used, for the  
construction of three torpedo boats be de-  
voted for the construction of three tor-  
pedo boats.

## NOTES FROM SENATE AND HOUSE.

Senator Cockrell was absent from the Senate  
yesterday on account of illness.  
Mr. Bland will endeavor to secure a vote in  
committee on his free silver bill next Thursday.  
Representative Storer, of Ohio, yesterday in-  
troduced a bill to create a new position of  
assistant secretary of the department and for the diplomatic  
and consular service.  
Commissioner Seymour has submitted a recom-  
mendation to the Senate Committee on Patents  
to increase from \$10 to \$15 the fee of filing original  
applications, except in design cases.  
A bill to remit the penalties on the gunboats  
Concord and Benning was favorably reported  
from the Committee on Naval Affairs by Senator  
Blackburn yesterday afternoon.  
Representative Bland's resolution to allow  
Coxey's army the use of government reservations  
and United States lands was referred to the  
Military Committee, where it is likely to remain.  
Representative O'Neill, of Missouri, yesterday  
introduced a bill to prevent free labor from the  
injuriously effects of convict labor by confining the  
sale of the products of the latter class of labor to  
the state where produced.  
Representative Boatner, chairman of the Jen-  
kins anti-strike investigating committee, has  
submitted a report to the committee, but it  
will not be presented to the Judiciary  
Committee until the next session.  
Senator Peffer yesterday introduced another  
bill to provide work for the unemployed in  
the District of Columbia, providing for the im-  
provement of public grounds, the laying out  
and making walks and walkways, and by the  
opening up of highways where needed in the  
District, and for the improvement of these al-  
ready provided.

The House Commerce Committee today recon-  
sidered its vote authorizing a subcommittee  
to frame a resolution looking to the reopening  
of negotiations with Costa Rica and Nicaragua  
for the canal of that country. The further con-  
sideration of the matter thereafter for the present will be  
left to the full committee.

Secretary Carlisle yesterday sent to the Senate  
a communication from the third Auditor of the  
Treasury containing a specific appropriation  
for investigating claims for the reimbursement  
of the expenses incurred by the soldiers of the  
army and the sailors of the navy, heretofore  
the investigation of these claims has been  
made by the Secretary of War and the Sec-  
retary of the Navy for the present will be left  
to the full committee.

In other directions I was more fortunate.  
I found a friend at the murdered woman's  
home was a perfect treasure to me. She furnished  
a full-length photograph of the victim, and I  
also secured a photograph of the woman who  
the dead woman's face resembled, together  
with some important particulars. I was  
now in position to become a mental vivisection-  
ist, and I had every facility to help me in my experiments.

Lefebvre had murdered the woman, un-  
doubtedly. He was thrown into the closest  
possible confinement, and I was told that his  
best living friend, although I had never  
pleaded myself to him in any way. He had,  
however, no suspicion as to what really was  
the matter. I had an unfair advantage of  
him, but I did not think so. Moreover,  
it did not matter if justice were better  
served.

"He is in disguise, of course," continued  
Leroy, confidently, "and no one would ever  
recognize him; but I have known him for  
years, and he is French. I am going to get  
the money with which to buy a ticket for Amer-  
ica."  
"Where is he going to in America," I asked.  
"To New York, I suppose. That's where  
all the steamers run to, and he's best off in a  
big city."  
"In both things, and unfortunately,"  
too," I replied, as an idea suggested itself to  
me on the instant.  
Here was an opportunity for me to try an  
experiment which I had been waiting for  
without any definite hope of ever possibly  
obtaining it. So I said to the clematis:  
"I shall be leaving for New York, myself,  
and I am going to take a room in the hotel  
what I suggest it may help him out of his  
difficulty. I've grown so lazy living in India  
that I hate to wait on myself after having had  
a servant to do almost everything for me.  
Besides, I am sure to be sick crossing, and  
may want a little attention. If your friend  
Lefebvre cares to go as my servant I'll pay his  
passage over and keep him, for then, until he  
gets something to do."

"That's a splendid arrangement," he'll  
jump at the chance, I know, when I tell him  
that I am going to New York, and that I am  
handing me a box of genuine Havana in his  
hand and asking me to have a smoke with  
him. A week later Lefebvre will have left  
Liverpool on the Teutonic for New York.  
I had spent the week in looking up the  
Lefebvre murder case. At Scotland Yard I  
was favored with the information that the  
authorities were capable of doing with the  
matter themselves and required no assistance  
in unraveling the mystery.

## GAS WAS THE FEATURE.

Announcement of Quo Warranto Pro-  
ceedings Sends the Stock Down.

New York, April 25.—Chicago Gas was  
of course, the great feature of the share  
speculation on the Stock Exchange today.  
The decision of the Attorney General of Illi-  
nois to begin quo warranto proceedings  
against the Gas Trust having been announced  
after the close of business yesterday, the  
first opportunity to act on this very pro-  
nounced "point" was afforded at the open-  
ing of business this morning. Plenty of  
rumors had been circulated as to the adverse  
effect of the decision.  
It was asserted that an injunction restrain-  
ing payment of dividends would be applied  
for at once, and granted as a matter of  
course, that would force the Gas Trust to  
suspend all dividends until the quo warranto  
proceedings were over. The result would be  
that a total disruption of the Chicago  
Gas Company would be the outcome of the  
Attorney General's decision. As a conse-  
quence heavy blocks of stock were thrown  
upon the market at the opening, the first  
price made being 64, which was 2 1/2 per cent.  
below yesterday's closing figure. The 3,000  
shares were sold between that price and 65  
before the stock exchange official reporters  
could catch up with the quotations. This was  
the lowest point reached in the morning.  
Chicago Gas stock is likely to be mercurial  
during the pendency of the impending litigation,  
and the holders are being practically  
all their acts upon it, but the experience of to-  
day proves that it has very strong supporters  
and that the short interest is not disposed to  
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The stock market generally was surpris-  
ingly firm in view of the disturbing influ-  
ences of the gas speculation. During the  
morning the market was moderately steady,  
and the stock exchange official reporters  
appeared in the transactions to any extent  
Sugar, Distilling, St. Paul, and General Elec-  
tric. St. Paul was strong in London buying  
and rose 1/2 cent. Sugar moderately steady,  
and after an advance of 1/2 cent. reacted 1/2  
cent. Distilling reacted 1/2 cent. and quickly  
during the afternoon sold up 1/2 cent.,  
losing 1/2 in the final hour. General Electric  
lost 1/2 in the final hour, and then reacted 1/2  
cent., closing within 1/2 of the top figure.

## New York Stock Exchange.

Furnished by Silsby & Company, Bankers  
and Brokers, Metropolitan Bank Building,  
Fifteenth Street, New York.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Tobacco	144 1/2	145 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
Atchafalpa	144 1/2	145 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
Can. Southern	21 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Del. & Maryland	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Del. & Chesapeake	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Delaware & Hudson	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Distilling & Cattle Feeds	21 1/2	22 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Deer & Rio Grande	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Erie	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
General Electric	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Jersey Central	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Missouri Pacific	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
New England	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Northern Pacific	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Norfolk & Western	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
National Coal	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
National Lead	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
N. Y. Central	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Omaha	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Ontario & Western	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Reading	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Rail Island	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Railroad	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Sugar Trust	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Tennessee Coal & Iron	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Texas Pacific	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Western Union	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Wabash preferred	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Wheel & L. E.	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Wheel & L. E. pfd.	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2

## Chicago Board of Trade.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat (April)	57 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
July	60 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Sept.	61 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Nov.	62 1/2	63 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Dec.	63 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
Jan.	64 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Feb.	65 1/2	66 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Mar.	66 1/2	67 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2
Apr.	67 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
May	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
June	69 1/2	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
July	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Aug.	71 1/2	72 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Sept.	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Oct.	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
Nov.	74 1/2	75 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Dec.	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2
Jan.	76 1/2	77 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Feb.	77 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
Mar.	78 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
Apr.	79 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
May	80 1/2	81 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
June	81 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
July	82 1/2	83 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Aug.	83 1/2	84 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Sept.	84 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2
Oct.	85 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Nov.	86 1/2	87 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2
Dec.	87 1/2	88 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Jan.	88 1/2	89 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
Feb.	89 1/2	90 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Mar.	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Apr.	91 1/2	92 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
May	92 1/2	93 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
June	93 1/2	94 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
July	94 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Aug.	95 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2
Sept.	96 1/2	97 1/2	96 1/2	96 1/2
Oct.	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Nov.	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
Dec.	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Jan.	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Feb.	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Mar.	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Apr.	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
May	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
June	105 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
July	106 1/2	107 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Aug.	107 1/2	108 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Sept.	108 1/2	109 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
Oct.	109 1/2	110 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Nov.	110 1/2	111 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
Dec.	111 1/2	112 1/2	111 1/2	111 1/2
Jan.	112 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Feb.	113 1/2	114 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
Mar.	114 1/2	115 1/2	114 1/2	114 1/2
Apr.	115 1/2	116 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
May	116 1/2	117 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
June	117 1/2	118 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
July	118 1/2	119 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2
Aug.	119 1/2	120 1/2	119 1/2	119 1/2
Sept.	120 1/2	121 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2
Oct.	121 1/2	122 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Nov.	122 1/2	123 1/2	122 1/2	122 1/2
Dec.	123 1/2	124 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
Jan.	124 1/2	125 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
Feb.	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
Mar.	126 1/2	127 1/2	126 1/2	126 1/2
Apr.	127 1/2	128 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
May	128 1/2	129 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
June	129 1/2	130 1/2	129 1/2	129 1/2
July	130 1/2	131 1/2	130 1/2	130 1/2
Aug.	131 1/2	132 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2
Sept.	132 1/2	133 1/2	132 1/2	132 1/2
Oct.	133 1/2	134 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2
Nov.	134 1/2	135 1/2	134 1/2	134 1/2
Dec.	135 1/2	136 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2
Jan.	136 1/2	137 1/2	136 1/2	136 1/2
Feb.	137 1/2	138 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2
Mar.	138 1/2	139 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2
Apr.	139 1/2	140 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2
May	140 1/2	141 1/2		